relief has visited Punjab from 26th to 31st October, 1988. The ceilings of expenditure for flood relief measures including road sector will be finalised on the basis of the report of the Central Team in accordance with the established procedure.

Sethu Canal Project

*85. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to implement the Sethu Canal Project; and

(b) what is the total estimated cost of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to a preliminary estimate made in 1983, the project cost was Rs. 282 crores.

Funds provided to Andhra Pradesh under the Rural Functional Literacy Project

*87. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA KRISHNA:
SHRI L. NARSINGH NAIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of funds provided to Andhra Pradesh under the Rural Functional Literacy Project;

(b) what is the number of projects so far set up under the said Scheme;

(c) what is the number of learners enrolled under Rural Functional Literacy Project 1988; and

(d) what is the percentage of women and those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) An amount of Rs. 35 lakhs has been released to Andhra Pradesh in the current financial year as the first instalment. Moreover, sanction has also been issued to permit the State Government to carry forward the unspent balance of Rs. 14.33,389 remaining with them out of the grant released during 1987-88.

(b) 26 projects of 300 centres each have been set up under the said scheme in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) 232.694 learners were enrolled under Rural Functional Literacy Projects during the first quarter of 1988.

(d) The percentages of women and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes enrolled during the period was 45.8, 30.6 and 15.6 respectively.

Growing trade in Children

*89. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether trading in children is growing in the country; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether Government would encourage sponsorship of voluntary organisations on the model of London-based Anti-slavery society?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) There is no information available to the effect that trading in children is growing in the country

(b) As a policy, voluntary efforts in the field of child welfare are encouraged by the Government.